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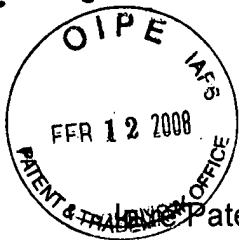
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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed November 9, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 20, 2004; July 21, 2005; November 13, 2006; January 17, 2007; February 27, 2007; March 13, 2007; and August 15, 2007.

Claims 1-50 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 23, 29, 37 and 43 are independent. The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of the allowance of claims 5-16 and 23-48 (Box 5, Office Action Summary; page 5, Paper No. 20071028). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.